

The Secret of Marriage



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**The Church is not the building but all the people
who will be united to Christ by faith.**



Ephesians 5:25-33

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, ²⁶ that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷ so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. ²⁸ In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, ³⁰ because we are members of his body. ³¹ “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” ³² This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. ³³ However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.



1. Christ sacrificially loved His bride.

Ephesians 5:25

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- The cross was Christ's voluntary, sacrificial, and costly love put into action.
- The cross was the "bride price" that Christ was willing to pay.



2. Christ sanctifies His bride.

Ephesians 5:26-27

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²⁷ so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.

- Christ brings out the best in His bride.
- Revelation 19:6-9



3. Christ is united to His bride.

Ephesians 5:28

²⁸ In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.

- Union with Christ
- What belongs to one belongs to the other.
- Romans 6:3-8
- The believer's union with Christ is legal, and intimate, and spiritual.



4. Christ cares for His bride.

Ephesians 5:29-30

²⁹ For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, ³⁰ because we are members of his body.

- Nourishes: feeds & provides for
- Cherishes: cares for, protects, & treasures



5. Christ leads His bride.

Ephesians 5:23-24

²³ For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. ²⁴ Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

- Loving headship
- Not harsh
- Not passive



6. Christ is faithful to His bride.

Romans 8:38-39

³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- Christ will never waver in His covenant faithfulness to His bride.
- Romans 8:38-39

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